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Applicant: **Fitzhugh et al.**
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed June 4, 2002, the Applicants respectfully request recordation of the final rejection and entry of this amendment after final rejection.

In The Claims

Please cancel claim 18, 21, 24 and amend claims 15, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 29, and 32 as follows:

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15. (Amended) A medical device for treating or inhibiting restenosis comprising:

a vascular stent having a surface comprising a lubricious coating wherein nitric oxide-releasing nucleophilic compounds are disposed throughout said lubricious coating in a three dimensional matrix, wherein said nitric oxide-releasing nucleophilic compound comprises a diazeniumdiolate.

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19. (Amended) The medical device according to claims 15, 16, or 17 wherein said three-dimensional matrix comprises multiple layers of nitric oxide-releasing nucleophiles entrapped within said three dimensional matrix.

20. (Amended) A method for treating or inhibiting restenosis comprising:

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